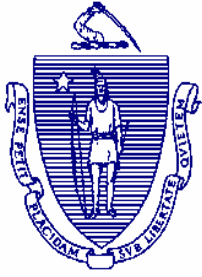


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, September 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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Soros Justice Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: September 13, 2006.

“The Soros Justice Fellowship Program is seeking proposals to implement innovative projects that address one or more of the criminal justice priorities of the Open Society Institute’s U.S. Justice Fund. Projects should seek to accomplish one or more of activities provided in the grant application. Examples of acceptable goals include: advance death penalty reform and abolition efforts; improve public defense services; combat racial profiling; encourage systemic reforms that create incentives for community-based solutions over parole and probation revocation; redirect criminal justice monies to strengthen community resources and responsibility for public safety and justice; advance sentencing and drug policy reform efforts; or empower communities most affected by mass incarceration to develop and advocate for alternative policies that address underlying social, racial, and economic inequality.”

For more information: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/news/justicefellows_20060530

Data Resources Program 2006: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data **Application Deadline: September 14, 2006**

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for secondary analysis to inform criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Research proposals should either replicate original findings or, preferably, test new hypotheses with existing data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NIJ will give preference to research that asks compelling crime and justice questions over research that furthers statistical methods or technical refinement of data sets. Researchers interested in those latter categories should consider grants from the ASA/BJS Special Data Collections and Statistical Studies Research Program.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL000749.pdf>

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Application Deadline: October 12, 2006

“Youth Service America and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are announcing the launch of the YouthRising grant program. Grants in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded for organizations to engage high-risk and/or gang-involved youth in service. The goal of this initiative is to design and implement appropriate and creative service projects that engage youth in service and develop their capacity for leadership and civic engagement.”

For more information: http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable

Graduate Research Fellowship 2007

Application Deadline: November 28, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applicants for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program, an NIJ annual program that provides dissertation research support to outstanding doctoral students undertaking independent research on issues related to crime and justice. Students from any academic discipline are encouraged to apply and propose original research that has direct implications for criminal justice. NIJ encourages diversity in approaches and perspectives in its research programs.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL000747.pdf>

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Violent Felons in Large Urban Counties

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents data collected from a representative sample of felony cases that resulted in a felony conviction for a violent offense. Data were collected from 40 of the nation's 75 largest counties. Demographic characteristics are presented for defendants convicted of murder, rape, robbery, assault or other violent felonies as well as data on prior arrests and convictions, criminal justice status at time of arrest, type of pretrial release or detention, type of adjudication, and sentence received.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/vfluc.htm>

Federal Law Enforcement Officers, 2004

This recently released Bureau of Justice Statistics publication reports the results of a biennial census of Federal agencies employing personnel with arrest and firearms authority. Included in the report are statistics on the number of officers working in the areas of police response and patrol, criminal investigation and enforcement, inspections, security and protection, court operations, and corrections (by agency and state). Additional information on gender and race of officers is also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/fleo04.htm>

Recovering from Crime: Steps for the Physically Injured Victim

The Office for Victims of Crime recently released this multimedia program to help physically injured victims recover from crime to be used during hospitalization for crime related injuries. The program details the steps to recovery, which include: healing your injuries, applying for victim compensation, understanding your rights, recognizing your feelings, and dealing with your feelings.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/brochure/welcome.html>

Sexual Violence Reported by Correctional Authorities, 2005

This Bureau of Justice Statistics publication presents data from the Survey on Sexual Violence, 2005, a collection of incidents reported to correctional authorities of inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate sexual violence. Counts of sexual violence, by type, for adult prisons, jails, and other adult correctional facilities are included as well as a more detailed analysis of substantiated incidents (including where the incidents occur, time of day, number and characteristics of victims and perpetrators, nature of the injuries, impact on the victims and sanctions imposed on the perpetrators).

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/svrca05.htm>

Conferences and Trainings

Law Enforcement Solutions for Reducing Racial Disparities & Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in Juvenile Justice

September 7-10, 2006 in New Orleans, LA

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) conference is designed to expand partnerships between state juvenile justice advisory groups, local juvenile justice practitioners and law enforcement officers, who jointly seek solutions to reduce racial disparities and disproportionately high rates of juvenile justice system contact for youth of color. Special attention will be given to the first points of contact that law enforcement officers have with at-risk and offending youth, exploring opportunities for positive outcomes and community partnerships. States' progress and challenges in addressing the federal core protection on DMC will be highlighted. If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact Elizabeth Spinney, Massachusetts DMC Reduction Specialist, 617-725-3367, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us.

For more information: http://juvjustice.org/conferences/index_conference.html

International Association of Crime Analysts 2006 Training Conference

September 11-14, 2006 in New Orleans, LA

The 2006 International Association of Crime Analyst conference will feature four concurrent tracks: (1) Problem Analysis, (2) Tactical Analysis, (3) Technical Lab and (4) Special Topics. Session topics include effective crime prevention, crime forecasting, merging intelligence analysis with crime analysis, and communication with the public and each other. Participants include crime analysts, tactical analysts, intelligence analysts, administrative analysts, strategic analysts, research analysts, law enforcement officers and officials, GIS specialists, educators, and criminal justice students.

For more information: <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2006.asp>

Providing Culturally Competent Services to Victims of Crime

September 12-14, 2006 in Chicago, IL

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is offering seminars on the most effective strategies for providing culturally competent services to victims of crime. The training explores the challenges and advantages to providing culturally competent care for victims and how services can be more effective when they are delivered within the most relevant and meaningful cultural, gender-specific, and age-appropriate context.

For more information: <http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm>

12th Annual Mayor's Youth Summit

September 15, 2006 in Boston, MA

The goal of the 2006 Mayor's Youth Summit is to promote positive connections among youth and to provide essential resources to ensure a brighter future for youth in Boston. The Summit will include a large number of resource tables and local entertainment, food, prizes, speakers, and skits. Boston youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to attend in order to gain information about programs and to celebrate with their peers.

For more information: www.BostonYouthZone.com/myc

OJJDP 2006 Regional Training Program: Managing Juvenile Services

September 18- 22, 2006 in Kansas City, MO

October 23-27, 2006 in Rochester, NY

The purpose of this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention conference is to present management concepts to build leadership capacity and organizational competency in the planning and delivery of juvenile services. The program is designed to enhance a juvenile unit or the function of the delivery of juvenile services within a department. Promoting exchange of information to encourage interagency networking to maximize resources within a community will also be a focus. Tuition, student materials, instructional costs, and single-occupancy lodging will be provided by OJJDP. The participant is responsible for transportation, meals, and incidental expenses.

For more information: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=8556&p=list>

G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training: Gang Resistance Education and Training

September 25-October 6, 2006 in Boston

Registration Deadline: September 13, 2006

The Executive Office of Public Safety is soliciting interest in the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Officer Training. The training will be a 2-week event scheduled to take place at the Boston Police Academy. For more information please call or email Andrew Polk at 617-725-3364 or andrew.polk@state.ma.us. Please respond as soon as possible as space is limited.

Call for Papers to be Presented at the 9th Crime Mapping Research Conference (NIJ)

Application Deadline: September 29, 2006

Conference: March 28-31, 2007, in Pittsburgh, PA

The 9th Annual Crime Mapping Conference: Developing Methods for Research and Practice, presented by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), will focus on demonstrating the use and development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and spatial data analysis techniques for practitioners and researchers. The NIJ is now accepting papers to be presented at the 9th Crime Mapping Research Conference. Presentations should address the innovative use of Geographic Information Systems in crime mapping and public safety for research, practical applications, evaluation, or theory testing.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/conferences.html>

Mental Health Response to Mass Violence and Terrorism

October 3-5, 2006 in Phoenix, CO

This Office for Victims of Crime training provides the necessary information and skills to enable mental health, crime victim service providers, and others in direct services to help victims and communities cope and recover through outreach and support. Session topics include: impact of natural and criminally-caused disasters, how to provide psychological first aid, adult and child reactions and interventions, how community crisis response fits into the organizational response to mass violence, community crisis response team development, and stress management.

For more information: <http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm>

Justice Research and Statistics: Informing Effective Policy

October 12-13, 2006 in Denver, CO

The annual Bureau of Justice Assistance/Justice Research and Statistics Association conference will focus on using data and statistics to inform effective policy. Session topics include identity theft, courts and sentencing, human trafficking, drugs, juvenile justice and domestic and sexual violence.

For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>

Moving Together, 2006

October 18, 2006 in Boston, MA

Moving Together is being presented by the Baystate Roads Program and funded in part by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Highway Administration. This event will join people from across the Commonwealth to work towards improving bicycle and walking conditions locally. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss shared experiences and strategies during various workshops on current issues and initiatives.

For more information: http://www.ecs.umass.edu/baystate_roads//mt/index.html

American Society of Criminology: Democracy, Crime and Justice

November 1-4, 2006 in Los Angeles, CA

The American Society of Criminology invites all practitioners, academics and students to discuss the measurement and detection of crime and the practice of criminal law. Conference sessions will cover topics such as criminological theory, drugs and substance abuse, firearms and violence, policing, courts and the law, sexual assault, crime prevention, juvenile justice, and criminal justice policy.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/>

Program Evaluation

November 7-8, 2006 in Nashville, TN

This Office for Victims of Crime conference presents evaluation as a tool that managers can use to determine whether or not their programs are achieving their stated goals and objectives. This event is designed to give victim service agencies the information, skills, and tools needed to participate in the planning and implementation of ongoing evaluation of their services.

For more information: <http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm>

In The News

"Off the Streets" Program

***USA Today*, August 18, 2006**

According to *USA Today*, a non-profit social services agency in Cincinnati Ohio recently started the "Off the Streets" program to provide prostitutes with counseling. Cincinnati is the fifth city to emulate this type of program while Boston, Seattle and San Diego are looking to start their own programs. These types of programs began after criminal justice leaders began searching for a way to reduce prostitution arrests.

Access full text at: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-08-17-prostitution-school_x.htm

Chiefs Urge Citizen Caution On Halting Crimes In Progress

The Metro West Daily News, August 23, 2006

According to *The Metro West Daily News*, stakeouts of businesses by private citizens have helped police catch alleged criminals in Framingham and Holliston but local police departments discourage people confronting suspects and instead counsel them to call police if they witness a crime in progress. Instead local police chiefs emphasize measures such as installing cameras and lighting, as well as asking neighbors to be more alert for problems.

Access full text at: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/>

Mayor to Form Civilian Panel for Complaints about Police

The Boston Globe, August 25, 2006

According to *The Boston Globe*, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino will appoint a three-member civilian board to review police misconduct cases. All allegations of serious misconduct, such as assault or illegal drug use, that are dismissed by the department's Internal Affairs Division will be reviewed by the board. The board can request that police internal affairs investigators do further work on complaints and make recommendations to the police commissioner about the disposition of cases.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/08/25/mayor_to_form_civilian_panel_for_complaints_about_police/

Crime Experts Eye High Goals at Gang Summit to Lower Violence

Lowell Sun, August 30, 2006

According to the *Lowell Sun*, about 50 police officers, city officials, prosecutors, neighborhood activists and Lowell residents gathered recently to hear a panel of speakers at the city's fourth gang summit, held in the Federal Building on Middlesex Community College's downtown Lowell campus. The following were a few of the ideas and topics discussed at the gang summit: build trust with both neighborhood residents and gang-involved youths, pay extra attention to the children and siblings of state prison inmates, encourage private business owners to support local organizations working to curb youth violence, ask local teens and young adults for their ideas about how to curb youth violence, and make the police a more visible presence on the streets.

Access full text at: http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci_4260799

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